

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the final Office action mailed November 11, 2008. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Present Status of Patent Application

Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1, 3-6, 9, and 10 are pending in the present application. More specifically, claims 1, 3-6, and 9 have been indicated as allowed; rejected claim 10 has been currently amended without introduction of new matter; and claims 2, 7, and 8 have been canceled without prejudice, waiver or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claim in a continuing application if he so chooses, and does not intend to dedicate the subject matter of the canceled claims to the public.

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A. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant wishes to place on record his sincere gratitude towards Examiner for allowing claims 1, 3-6 and 9. Applicant further wishes to thank Examiner for making the following suggestion in order to overcome the current rejection of claim 10: *"If applicant really wishes to overcome the prior art, applicant is suggested to amend the claim such that the claim could limit to the major part of light to be reflected away from the laser by the auxiliary component."* Applicant has currently amended claim 10 in accordance with Examiner's suggestion, and hereby requests that the claim be allowed.

B. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Statement of the Rejection

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lano et al. (US 20020163943).

Response to the Rejection

Claim 10

As pointed out above, Applicant has currently amended claim 10 in accordance with Examiner's suggestion. As amended, claim 10 clearly distinguishes over the cited art of Lano.

Consequently, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the current rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 (e), followed by allowance of the claim.

Cited Art Made of Record

The cited art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 3-6, 9, and 10 are currently in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative at (404) 610-5689.

Respectfully submitted,

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